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Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

**SUBJECT: Selection of Project for Federal Grant Award through the Land and Water  
Conservation Fund Program for Fiscal Year 2011**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF) is a Federal grants program administered by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) to expand public outdoor recreation opportunities. These Federal funds are made available to county and state agencies for acquisition of recreation areas, new construction of recreational facilities, and rehabilitation of existing facilities. The federal funds must be matched with State funds, County funds, or in-kind services. The Division of State Parks takes the lead in notifying the county parks and recreation departments, as well as recreational agencies within DLNR, of the availability of funds, accepting applications, and making a preliminary selection of projects for the grant awards. The Board approves this selection of projects as a means of soliciting public comment in the selection process and authorizing DLNR to enter into project agreements with the NPS for the selected projects receiving grant awards.

In order to qualify to receive these Federal funds, Hawai'i must prepare a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) every 5 years. State Parks competed the 2008 update (dated April 2009) which includes an inventory the state's recreational resources, including parks, boat ramps and small harbors, hunting areas, trails, and other recreational facilities. The update also assessed the recreational demands and priorities based on consultation with government agencies and input from public surveys and meetings. Projects for grant awards are ranked on their ability to meet the state's recreational demands and priorities as identified in the 2008 SCORP Update.

Hawai'i's apportionment for FY10 from NPS was \$402,395. A portion of these funds was used to fund the two grants awarded in 2010 using a combination of FY09 and FY10 funds. This left a balance of \$291,210 in FY10 account. In addition, Hawai'i has been notified by NPS that another \$227,446.10 is available in the state's Special Reapportionment Account due to the termination of a previously awarded LWCF project. Therefore, there is now a total of \$518,656.10 available and which must be obligated by NPS before October 2011.

The Counties and recreational agencies were notified about the availability of these grant funds in November 2010 and applications were accepted until January 15, 2011. Only one application was received, in part because one county is ineligible to apply for these grant funds due to an unresolved conversion and another county is resolving a long-overdue project deadline.

**ITEM E-1**

Current Projects from FY 2009 and FY2010:

- 15-00162      Renovation of facilities at Hāpuna Beach State Recreation Area, Hawai'i Island  
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Amount Requested: \$100,000  
Project Description: Reroofing of 3 comfort stations and 2 picnic pavilions, repair of 8 picnic shelters, renovation of 6 A-frame camp shelters and campground restroom, and upgrade of electrical and plumbing.
- 15-00163      Construction of New Playground at Pana'ewa Zoo, Hilo, Hawai'i Island  
Applicant: County of Hawai'i, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Amount Requested: \$286,672  
Project Description: Construction of a new children's playground, shade system, ADA picnic tables, ADA family restroom, and landscaping.

New Project for FY 2011:

- 15-00164      Renovation and Replacement of Lighting at Ala Wai Community Park, O'ahu  
Applicant: City & County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Amount Requested: \$518,656.10  
Project Description: Replacement of the 8 light poles around the baseball field and upgrade of the electrical system that services these lights.  
SCORP Needs & Issues: This project will meet a priority need to improve the quality of recreation resources and provide safe and well-maintained facilities. This park serves youth and adults in the urban communities around Honolulu and Waikiki.  
Comments: Total project cost is estimated at \$2,660,000. City and County of Honolulu will provide the matching funds; construction scheduled to begin in late 2011.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve the selection of the Ala Wai Community Park project to receive LWCF grant funds in the amount of \$518,656.10, subject to final approval by the National Park Service.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



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